

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

(Caption of Case))

Joint Application of Startec Global Operating
Company and Americatel Corporation for Approval of
a Pro Forma Reorganization)

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COVER SHEET

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☐ Emergency Relief demanded in petition

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☐ Other:

INDUSTRY (Check one)

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☐ Electric/Gas
☐ Electric/Telecommunications
☐ Electric/Water
☐ Electric/Water/Telecom.
☐ Electric/Water/Sewer
☐ Gas
☐ Railroad
☐ Sewer
☒ Telecommunications
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☐ Administrative Matter
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NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefiled Testimony | <input type="checkbox"/> Subpoena |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Tariff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Consideration | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnection Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Protest | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interconnection Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher's Affidavit | |
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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RE: Joint Application of Startec Global Operating Company and Americatel Corporation for Approval of a *Pro Forma* Reorganization
Docket No. 2007-416-C, ELS File No. 1389-11561

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On January 23, 2008, the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") entered an order approving the merger of Startec Global Operating Company ("Startec") and Americatel Corporation ("Americatel," together with Startec, the "Parties"), with Americatel surviving (the "Merger"), the transfer of Startec's customers to Americatel, and the voluntary surrender of Startec's operating authority effective upon consummation of the Merger, which was expected to occur on or about March 31, 2008. The Parties hereby inform the Commission that they did not consummate the Merger at that time, and request that Startec's existing operating authority and tariff remain in effect until further notification.

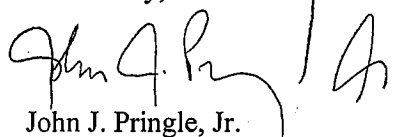
As a result of the current difficulties in the credit market, the Parties have not yet been able to finalize an amended and restated credit agreement that would consolidate an existing credit arrangement to which Startec is a party, on the one hand, with an existing credit arrangement to which Americatel and its affiliate Matrix Telecom, Inc. ("Matrix") are parties, on the other. To proceed with the Merger at this time would significantly restrict the Parties' ability to complete the refinancing negotiations. The Parties remain committed to merging as soon as they are able to complete such a consolidated financing arrangement and will keep the Commission apprised of the status.

In addition, Americatel has notified the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") of this change pursuant to the rules governing the sale of carrier's customer base, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(2). The Parties will comply with any additional FCC customer notice requirements resulting from this delay.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,



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